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Mr. HAUGEN, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 316]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. J. Res. 316), authorizing an appropriation for the expenses of the agricultural conference assembled by the President, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

A letter from the President recommending this appropriation is as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, December 17, 1924.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress an estimate of appropriation for the Executive Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, to remain available until June 30, 1926, for the expenses of an agricultural conference which I assembled in November, 1924, \$50,000.

I have previously communicated to Congress that I assembled an agricultural conference made up of those who are representative of this great industry in both its operating and economic sides to investigate and report what action, through legislation or otherwise, should be taken to place agriculture on a basis of economic equality with other industries. The findings and recommendations of the conference are for the use of the Congress.

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While the members of this conference have willingly agreed to perform this service without remuneration, I feel that as the services they are rendering the Government are in the interest of the whole people of this Nation, the Government should pay their expenses while engaged on this task. I therefore request of the Congress that an appropriation be granted the Chief Executive in the amount of the estimate herewith submitted for the purpose of meeting the personal expenses of the members of the conference and for such other expenses pertaining to the work of the conference as may be necessary.

As the members of the conference have already incurred personal expenses arising from the initial meeting of the conference in this city last November, the estimate submitted herewith contemplates their reimbursement for the expenses then incurred.

Respectfully,